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The three-day North American Handmade Bicycle Show starts today at 10 a.m. at the Austin Convention Center. Tickets for Friday are \$22.

'Clamor'

Instrumentalist band Balmorhea is playing at the Mohawk tonight with supporting acts the Eastern Sea and Danny Malone. Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$12 at the door.

SATURDAY

Let them eat cake

The two-day Sugar Art Show & Cake Competition starts Saturday at 11 a.m. at the North Austin Event Center. Tickets are \$10 a day or \$17 for the weekend.

You Are Beautiful

The Austin Foundation for Eating Disorders will host a free art show at Space12 to raise awareness about eating disorders in the Austin area. The show starts at 7 p.m. and will feature art by up-and-coming artists.

SUNDAY

Women's Tennis

Texas women's tennis plays Arizona State on Sunday at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center from noon to 2 p.m.

Elegant biking

The Peddler Bike Shop is sponsoring a "Dapper Dan" bike ride with costumed riders. The free event starts at 2 p.m. at the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge.



Quote to note

"None of this [is] accidental. Reality is a social construct, and until things are equitable, there is no claim to colorblindness."

— Mercedes de Uriarte
Associate journalism professor

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HI HO, SILVER!



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Samuel Olivo rides his mule, Mula, on Guadalupe Street on Thursday afternoon. While it is legal to ride a horse or mule on public streets in Austin, Olivo was arrested for a DWI while riding Mula last month.

Senate of College Councils elects president

By Ahsika Sanders
Daily Texan Staff

The first competitive Senate of College Councils presidential race elections in several years ended Thursday with the former executive director winning the highest office.

The Senate serves as the official voice for students in academic affairs by passing resolutions and working as a liaison with the administration.

This is the first time in years there have been two presidential and vice presidential candidates running, said Senate spokesman Michael Mor-

ton. Senate elects its officers internally.

"It is unprecedented for Senate as far as I've heard, so campaigning has definitely been intense," Morton said.

President-elect Carisa Nietzsche, a Plan II honors senior, said she will focus on finding a way to engage every student on budgetary issues. She said she is confident the College Tuition and Budget Advisory Councils will help Senate give every student the opportunity to have a voice in the budget-setting process.

Senate developed the budget councils last April in response to potential University budget cuts. The budget councils advise college

deans about student concerns in the budget-cutting process.

In addition to getting students involved in the budget process, Nietzsche said as president, her vision for Senate is to elevate the councils' impact on campus.

"Senate will have succeeded when there is manpower in Senate resources and every single programming initiative we have and when CTBACs are at the forefront of the discussions about budget cuts," she said.

When nominated for vice president after his

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Civil rights symposium celebrates 25th anniversary

By Shamoyita Dasgupta
Daily Texan Staff

The students who helped coordinate the first Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights in 1986 boycotted their own event because of animosity toward the UT System Board of Regents, said two of the original planners.

The professors who created the symposium spoke on Thursday about the event's history and the difficulties they faced in light of racial tension at the University at the time.

The symposium celebrates 25 years of commemorating the history and struggles of Heman Sweatt, the first black to be admitted to the UT School of Law. The U.S. Supreme Court case that allowed Sweatt admission was a predecessor to the landmark case Brown v. Board of Education.

"His living legacy can be seen across our campus today, as the African-American students that are here participate broadly in every aspect of our wonderful university life," said executive vice president and provost Steven Leslie.

George Wright, a former UT history professor, and Edwin Sharpe Jr., a clinical professor in the College of Education, played a key role in start-



Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Doctoral student Daniel Spikes waits backstage before speaking on the 25th anniversary of the Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights. The talk honored African Americans who helped end segregation.

ing the symposium in 1986. At the time, black students represented 2.8 percent of the University's enrollment. In Fall 2010, black students represented 4.3 percent of University enrollment, according to the Of-

fice of Information Management and Analysis.

"A group of the black students in my class, having learned a few things about Heman Sweatt, wanted to find the right way to honor the memory

of Heman Sweatt," Wright said.

A year later, after getting approval and a small allocation of funds from then-dean of the McCombs School

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ON the LEGE

Proposed law would require police to check for citizenship

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a six-part series examining bills that could impact the lives of students.

By Allison Kroll
Daily Texan Staff

Law enforcement officials would have to inquire about the immigration status of every person they arrest if proposed legislation the state Legislature this session.

Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, proposed legislation last November to make the subject of immigration status a mandatory topic in all arrests made in the Texas.

"It's not the intent to require local law enforcement agencies to check individuals who are given warnings," said Solomons' general counsel Carsi Mitzner said. "It's when someone has been arrested, and that's a key issue. This isn't an Arizona-style law where they're talking about stopping people on the side of the road — it's only relating to a person who is taken into custody."

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82ND LEGISLATURE

Bill may give grad students health coverage under UT plan

By Matthew Stottlemire
Daily Texan Staff

The University can offer its health plan to graduate and postdoctoral research fellows if lawmakers approve a bill currently in the Texas Senate Committee on State Affairs.

The Texas Insurance Code stipulates who qualifies to participate in the University's employee health insurance program. Graduate students who do research funded by outside fellowships and are not employed directly by the University do not qualify under the code. Proposed legislation would change the code to make research fellows eligible.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who chairs the Senate Higher Education Committee, authored the bill. Zaffirini said the legislation will benefit the students directly affected in the bill and also universities themselves by enabling them to attract the best students.

"If a student has offers from three universities offering health benefits and UT isn't, they probably aren't going to go to UT," Zaffirini said.

Astronomy graduate student Chris Lindner received a

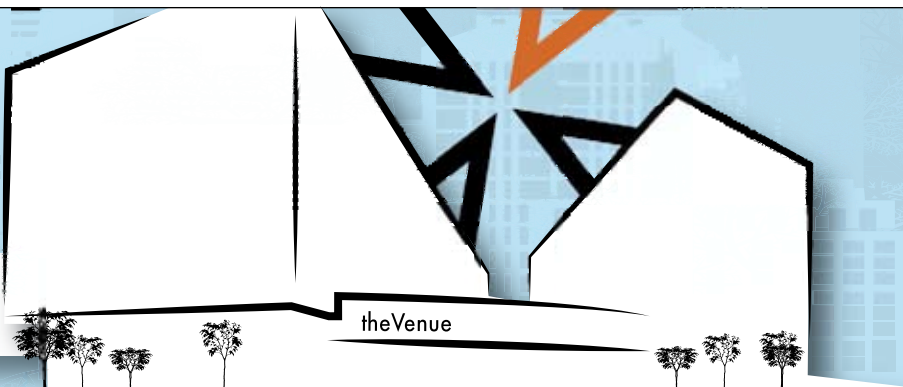
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The intent of this bill is to make sure the state requires the use of the federal programs that are available and to identify people who are in this country illegally, Mitzner said. The Secure Communities program sends the fingerprints of all people who are arrested to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, but that is not required in this bill, which states that law enforcement agencies can use whichever program they choose to report statuses, she said.

“It’s not legislative intent to require [law enforcement] to hold the illegal alien beyond what they can hold them for the offense they were arrested for,” Mitzner said. “A lot of people get [this bill] confused with other bills that are similar in nature but go a little bit further.”

According to the legislation, a person’s immigration status must be verified within 48 hours of arrest and before the person is released on bond. A peace officer or other authorized state or federal law enforcement officer is required to report the results to ICE if the arrested person is unlawfully present in the U.S.

Mitzner said there will not be any sort of auditing to make sure the legislation is enforced. The Austin Police Department was unavailable for comment.

In addition to this bill, Solomon’s sanctuary cities bill would deny state funding to any local law enforcement agencies that are prohibiting their police officers from fully enforcing the law, she said. Sanctuary cities are those where law enforcement officials do not actively enforce immi-

gration laws, according to the bill.

A University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll released Thursday shows that 53 percent of 800 Texans polled support repealing automatic citizenship for individuals born on U.S. soil whose parents are undocumented, and 69 percent disapprove of sanctuary cities.

Young Conservatives of Texas supports the bill and others that may

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—Tony McDonald, senior vice chairman of Young Conservatives of Texas

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prevent cities from taking stances that do not enforce immigration laws, said Tony McDonald, senior vice chairman of the group.

“When cops are questioning someone, they ought to go ahead and check on their immigration status,” McDonald said. “It’s one more opportunity where we can enforce our immigration laws.”

McDonald said the state should take all opportunities it has to enforce immigration laws.

“The general thought is that illegal immigration enforcement is going to be a bit of a war of attrition. You’re not going to round people up or get rid of everyone who is here illegally in a day,” McDonald said. “This is about finding ways to discourage people from coming here illegally, and we ought to be looking for opportunities to send [them] back to their home countries.”

UT clinical law Professor Barbara Hines said Solomon’s bill could potentially increase the number of people in jail and create fear within the community.

“The more involvement that local police officers have with checking immigration status, the more negative it will have on community policing,” Hines said. “The community will be unwilling to cooperate or participate in programs that might reduce crime. Even though it may be limited to people who are arrested, unfortunately, I don’t think that information always goes out to everyone, and it might create fear within the community.”

The bill will lead to longer jail stays, and in a time of budget crises, checking everyone’s immigration status is going to mean greater costs to the citizens of Texas, she said.

“While you might want to check the immigration status of violent criminals, it takes more time and more money to check the statuses of people who are arrested for charges that are ultimately dropped or who are arrested for minor offenses,” Hines said. “That’s another reason why I think it’s a bad idea.”

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National Science Foundation fellowship in 2009 that he said allowed him to quit working as a teaching assistant and focus on his research. This year, to continue to afford his health insurance, Lindner said he has had to return to his position as a full-time teaching assistant so he can continue to qualify for the University’s employee health insurance.

He said the University requires graduate students to have health insurance, and for him, the standard student health insurance option does not have enough prescription drug coverage for his family’s needs.

“Now I’m TA-ing even though I have this big fellowship, which

is supposed to keep me from having to TA, so I can focus on my research,” Lindner said. “If the people with the fellowships are the best in their fields, we should be doing all we can to make sure they are well taken care of, and we’re doing what we can for them.”

Not all research fellows are ineligible for health care through the University. Their eligibility depends on whether or not they are officially employed by the University.

Julien Carter, associate vice president for Human Resource Services, said depending on the terms of individual fellowships, the University should not experience any meaningful financial burden if the legislation passes.

“Provided the funding source of the fellowship will authorize charges for the fellow’s health insurance coverage, we believe there would be no significant fiscal impact to the University,” Carter said.

He said the University welcomes the opportunity to extend health coverage to these fellows it previously could not. Some qualified researchers would turn down fellowship offers because taking them would mean they could not participate in the University’s health insurance, he said.

“We have wanted this for a few years now because we realized [students] end up turning down these sometimes prestigious fellowships for other options,” Carter said.

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loss in the presidential race, advertising graduate student Blake Baker declined the nomination because of a previous promise to other candidates.

Finance senior Bhargav Srinivasan will take Baker’s place as the council’s financial director, but Baker said he would continue to be instrumental in the councils’ financial realm. Srinivasan defeated finance and history senior Josh Fjelstul.

“I plan to stay around and to continue to support the Senate financial director next year in building upon this foundation,” Baker said.

Vice President-elect Emily Van Duyn said she will make sure the

full college councils have the same opportunity and resources as Senate committees to write legislation.

“Senate representatives and even councils in general should have policy-writing resources available to them, encouraging council participation and authorization,” Van Duyn said.

Van Duyn defeated journalism and government senior Jordan Humphreys.

Current Senate president Chelsea Adler said her work on the executive board with each candidate made her confident that the progress Senate made this year would continue.

“Blake was the financial director

this year and he’s done a great job, and Carisa was our executive director, which was a new position, and she’s really taken that and laid a strong foundation,” Adler said. “I knew that regardless of who won, [Senate] would be in good hands next year, and that’s a great feeling.”

Adler said starting Friday morning, they will have an intensive four-week transition period to prepare the president-elect for next year.

“A lot of it will revolve around the fact that next year is a tuition-setting year, and we need every CTBAC up and running by May, so they can be involved in that tuition-setting process,” she said.

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TEXAS STUDENT MEDIA

Local governments form inside freed eastern Libya

By Paul Schemm
The Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — Libyans in the eastern half of the country find themselves in an unimaginable situation: Freed from Moammar Gadhafi's rule for the first time in more than four decades.

Now citizens are figuring out how to run their own affairs and military, as Gadhafi remains in power on the other side of the country.

It began as small protests over the imprisonment of a human rights lawyer, and then, in a week of increasingly bloody battles, the residents of Libya's second-largest city, Benghazi, found themselves in charge.

Just days after the last government forces fled, the city appears orderly, with cars stopping at traffic lights, stores open and a local government emerging where once all forms of social organizing were suppressed.

"We were not planning to make a revolt; it happened all of a sudden,"

said Fathi Turbel, the lawyer whose imprisonment sparked the protests.

Following the example of their Egyptian neighbors, the Libyans quickly formed popular committees to guarantee basic security and began to talk to local academics, lawyers and experts to figure out how to run the city they had inherited.

The result, announced Thursday, was a 15-person city council of prominent figures, including Turbel.

He spoke to the Associated Press in the city's seaside courthouse. Rallies sprout up outside as residents celebrate their long-denied right to pile into a square and chant slogans.

Under a 1973 law, it was illegal for four or more people to gather together because of Gadhafi's conspiracy fears. Now, said Turbel, they have to learn to work together.

In the courthouse, young people are creating a new municipal apparatus, while the dictator that ruled them for so long remains in his palace on the other side of the country.



Terry Renna | Associated Press

Space shuttle Discovery lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral on Thursday.

Discovery shuttle launches final mission

By Marcia Dunn
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery, the world's most traveled spaceship, thundered into orbit for the final time Thursday, heading toward the International Space Station on a journey that marks the beginning of the end of the shuttle era.

The six astronauts on board, all experienced space fliers, were thrilled to be on their way after a delay of nearly four months for fuel

tank repairs. But it puts Discovery on the cusp of retirement when it returns in 11 days and heads to the Smithsonian Institution.

"Discovery now making one last reach for the stars," the Mission Control commentator said once the shuttle cleared the launch tower.

Discovery is the oldest of NASA's three surviving space shuttles and the first to be decommissioned this year. Two missions remain, first by Atlantis and then Endeavour, to end the 30-year program.

It was Discovery's 39th launch

and the 133rd shuttle mission.

There were several tense minutes just before liftoff when an Air Force computer problem popped up and threatened to halt everything. The issue was resolved, and Discovery blasted off three minutes late, with just two seconds to spare.

"I would say we scripted it that way," added Mike Moses, chairman of the mission management team, "but I could use a little less heart palpitations in the final couple seconds of the countdown."

Emotions ran high as the shut-

tle rocketed off its seaside pad into a clear blue sky, and arced out over the Atlantic on its farewell flight. Discovery will reach the space station Saturday, delivering a small chamber full of supplies and an experimental humanoid robot.

NASA is under presidential direction to retire the shuttle fleet, let private companies take over trips to orbit and focus on getting astronauts to asteroids and Mars.

An estimated 40,000 guests gathered at Kennedy Space Center to witness history in the making.



Hussein Malla | Associated Press

Gunmen opposing Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi stand on a truck in Benghazi on Thursday with weapons taken from a military base.

Gay marriage bill passes Maryland Senate

By Tom LoBianco
The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Same-sex couples in Maryland would have the same full marriage rights as heterosexuals under a bill that cleared the Senate on Thursday. If the House of Delegates approves it and the governor signs it, Maryland would be the sixth U.S. state to approve gay marriage.

Opponents, including Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, D-Calvert, promised that if it does become law that a referendum question would be on the 2012 ballot so voters have the final decision.

One Republican, Sen. Allan Kittleman of Howard, joined 24 Democrats to pass the bill with 21 opposing. A majority of 24 of 47 senators was needed.

Senators amended the bill to include protections for religious groups and institutions to keep them from being forced to participate in gay weddings. The bill would grant the

same title and rights to same-sex couples as married straight couples.

If the measure passes the House, Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley has said he would sign it into law.

Activists watching from the balcony cheered after the Senate voted.

Lisa Polyak, who lost a legal challenge to the Maryland law which defines marriage as between one man and one woman, wiped away tears from her eyes and hugged supporters, including First Lady Katie O'Malley.

"It's only halfway, we have another chamber that we have to work through, we have another hearing to go through tomorrow, and a whole other group of legislators to motivate, hopefully, to treat our families equally," said Polyak, who challenged the state's marriage law with her partner but lost an appeal in 2007.

The Senate debate Thursday — while hardly vitriolic or heated — was still deeply personal.

The Senate's only openly gay member, Sen. Richard Madaleno, D-

Montgomery, told his colleagues that his partner — whom he married 10 years ago — is still a "legal stranger" to him in Maryland.

"This bill is quite simple; it has two parts to it: It reiterates that no religious denomination will ever be required to recognize, perform or celebrate any marriage that is against its beliefs. At the same time, it provides full equality under the law for thousands of same-gender couples in our state, couples like Mark and myself," Madaleno said.

Hawaii approved civil unions for same-sex couples Wednesday and Illinois legalized civil unions for same-sex couples last month.

Opponents were almost evenly divided between Republican and Democratic Maryland senators.

"My father often talked to us about the importance of marriage," said Sen. Joanne Benson, D-Prince George's. "One thing he said to us was you get married because one of the most important reasons for marriage is to have children."

NEWS BRIEFLY

Ninety-eight dead, 226 missing after New Zealand earthquake

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — Hopes faded of finding more survivors Thursday in the collapsed downtown towers of New Zealand's quake-shattered Christchurch, as officials said the death toll rose to 98 with grave fears for many of the 226 missing.

Police said up to 120 bodies may still lie trapped in the tangled concrete and steel that was the Canterbury Television or CTV building, where dozens of students from Japan, Thailand, China and other Asian countries were believed buried when an English-language school collapsed along with other offices. Twenty-three bodies were pulled from the building Thursday, but not immediately identified.

"The longer I don't know what happened, the longer my agony becomes," said Rolando Cabunilas, 34, a steel worker from the Philippines whose wife, Ivy Jane, 33, was on her second day of class at the school when the quake struck. She hasn't been heard from since.

"I can't describe it — it's pain, anger, all emotions," he said.

Officials appealed to families of the missing to be patient, saying the agony could be worse if they rushed to wrong conclusions.

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What's your opinion on H.B. 183? E-mail us at firingline@dailytexanonline.com

Editor's note: This is the fourth installment in a six-part series about legislation that would affect students. We have asked campus leaders, students, faculty, politicians and administrators to weigh in on this week's topic of debate: immigration enforcement on campus.

Additional note: The Editorial Board solicited viewpoints from both the bill author and the UT chapter of College Republicans. Neither chose to respond.

The question: How would House Bill 183 affect the University?

Loren Campos
University Leadership Initiative president

Representative Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, is asking the UT Police Department to do the job of immigration agents. H.B. 183 will mandate local enforcement agencies to verify the immigration status of an arrested person.

Community cooperation is essential to security, and this bill will alienate a select group of undocumented UT students who attend this prestigious university because of their hard work, and it will deter them from cooperating with UTPD out of fear of deportation. As a result, the trust be-

tween the UT student body and our UT peace officers will be broken and campus security jeopardized.

In addition, UT funds a portion of UTPD's budget. With a \$27-billion budget shortfall and a proposed \$100-million cut to UT's funding for 2012-13 biennium, UT students and administration will be asked to find the money from their already limited resources to fund this proposed legislation that aims to fix a problem whose comprehensive solution lies in the federal government.

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"We just want to make sure that if someone is lawfully detained that there's not a prohibition against law enforcement officers asking about their immigration status."

— Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Placing immigration-enforcement responsibilities on the shoulders of local law enforcement agencies will force officers to spend less time on keeping Texas communities safe."

— Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, according to the Houston Chronicle. Farrar countered H.B. 183 with H.B. 603, which would prohibit law enforcement officers from inquiring about immigration status unless necessary for investigation.

"We have allowed some loud voices to try to make this an anti-Latino issue, and it's not. This is about people coming here illegally and breaking the law."

— Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Most Republicans are favoring this type of legislation, and they're our traditional friends — that's not a secret. It's our hope they will ... slow down, take a hard look at the long-term impact on Texas before they enact this legislation."

— Bill Hammond, executive director of the Texas Association of Business, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"The xenophobic agenda has come to Texas."

— Adriana Cadena, a coordinator with the Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The Union needs unions

By Jessi Devenyns
Daily Texan Columnist

How many students, pressed for time between classes, have darted in and out of the Texas Union for a quick bite to eat? Now, with the University's swanky new Student Activity Center strategically situated next to the main thoroughfare of 21st Street and Speedway, grabbing lunch is more convenient than ever. We all know that fast food isn't the most health-conscious option out there, but its convenience is just too alluring to pass up on a busy day.

Aramark, the company that manages these fast food franchises, knows this and expertly dots these oases of sustenance around campus. If there were grocery stores closer to campus, it would be possible for us to throw an apple and a peanut butter-and-jelly into our bags before we head off to class, but instead most of us end up purchasing yet another Aramark Taco Bell burrito. Not only does this choice wear down your health, you are also inadvertently supporting mistreatment of campus' fast-food industry workers.

Aramark has repeatedly been accused of mistreating its employees. This claim is extremely disconcerting because Aramark is present at more than 600 universities in North America and has been recognized as one of the world's most ethical and admired companies, according to Fortune magazine. How, then, can Aramark have so many accusations brought against it? The major claim of contention against Aramark's food services is their lack of cooperation with unions. Without their employees in unions, Aramark has complete control over employees' treatment, wages and hours, most of which are structured to benefit the company, not employees.

A lack of unions makes it easy to keep employees on the same demanding contracts for years at a time. Unfortunately, often times these contracts lack affordable health care benefits and offer subpar wages. Without allowing workers to elect their representatives, Aramark is effectively giving itself a clear path to treat employees as they will — which is, according to accusations, disrespectfully.

Recently at Georgetown University, there

were clandestine efforts to form unions against Aramark's wishes. These endeavors were conducted in secret because, although Aramark's director of communication Karen Cutler claims that they are neither pro nor anti-union, there were alleged threats of employment termination if union affiliations were discovered. As students of this University, we should not support such maltreatment of human beings. Part of our University's mission statement is "to cultivate in students the ethical or moral values that are the basis of a humane social order." If that is not clear enough, we should check our own consciences. How many of us would be willing to work for minimum wage without health benefits as an adult with children? What if we feared for our jobs just by discussing our opinions on our working conditions?

This is a reality for many students who work here for Aramark operated food vendors. We as a student body would not ignore the accusations of one of our own against their employer, so we should grant the same attention to those who have already voiced their concerns. Everyone at this University is a member of our

community and equally important in making it function properly. It is therefore of the utmost importance that we advocate for workers' well-being. If those rights are revoked because we choose to ignore the politics circulating around us, then the repercussions are on our shoulders.

By choosing to ignore the hold Aramark has over its employees, we are turning a blind eye to that which is most important: the operations behind the scenes. If we ignore the treatment of people in an industry so vital to our everyday life, think of how much we are missing in other aspects of our lives. We need to open our eyes to those who bring us the commodities that we crave. If we do so, we may be surprised with what we find behind the curtain of ignorance. Next time you want a burrito or a chicken sandwich, think about what your actions may be supporting. Pay attention to the world around you and trust me: Your stomach will be just as happy with a turkey sandwich made in your own kitchen.

Devenyns is an English junior.



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Peewee Offutt, a homeless man whose only identification is an expired out-of-state card, said new legislation to provide the homeless with free Texas identification cards would “help me get a job.”

Legislation seeks free IDs for homeless

By William James
Daily Texan Staff

More than 265,000 Texans are homeless, but two Austin representatives are attempting to lower the number by introducing legislation that would allow homeless individuals the ability to acquire a free Texas identification card — a basic necessity to gainful employment.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, and Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, held a press conference Thursday at Caritas, a nonprofit refugee and social service organization, and further discussed the legislation’s goal of making more homeless individuals economically self-sufficient.

“This legislation will help a lot of folks that Caritas helps and make a real difference in many lives,” said Watson.

The proposed legislation would require the Texas Department of Public Safety to waive the \$16 fee associated with obtaining an ID as long as applicants are able to verify their homeless status by filling out an affidavit.

“It’s not uncommon for individuals facing homelessness to lose or leave behind many of their belongings, including personal identification,” Rep. Naishtat said in a press release. “This legislation is crucial because without an ID, people do not have access to services, access to permanent housing or access to employment opportunities. This proposal will help to lift individuals out of the cycle of homelessness.”

Assistant Development Director of the Salvation Army Robert Cox said homeless people need an identification card to perform everyday functions.

The Salvation Army, however, already offers free assistance for homeless individuals to gain an identification card, Cox said. The organization has numerous social workers, and homeless individuals that acquire a bed for the night are able to utilize the department and gain assistance.

Peewee Offutt, a homeless man who resides on and near the Drag, said that he would absolutely take advantage of acquiring a free identification card if the bill passed.

“Austin has a lot of organizations I can go to for assistance, but being able to get an ID for free would help out a lot,” Offutt said.

Offutt’s current identification is out of state and expired in 2007. Although he has been homeless for nearly 10 years, he said it would be very difficult to find a job without a current ID.

Lecturer rejects idea of ‘post-racial’ US

By Jake Hong
Daily Texan Staff

The United States is not a post-racial society even though many white Americans may think it is, a political commentator said in a lecture Thursday.

Author and political commentator Tim Wise talked about the vision of race in an era of colorblindness, or a post-racial America. More than 100 Austinites attended the lecture. Wise said colorblindness emphasizes the perceived irrelevance of race.

“Blame the dialogue, blame the problem of racism,” Wise said.

Wise traced the course of racial injustice from the nation’s colonial roots to the rhetoric of the Tea Party movement today. Wise said white America adopts racial revisionism under the nostalgic pretense of low taxes and small government.

In reality, the government was larger because of the New Deal programs and the social welfare programs of the latter half of the

20th century, he said. Also, Wise noted the disparity between the impression of low taxes and the reality of higher taxes during those years.

“Either you’re lying about it, or you don’t know what you’re talking about,” Wise said.

Wise said if society was racially colorblind today, institutional racism and social disparities — such as the income gap, criminal conviction rate, unemployment differences and historic incongruent government assistance — would not exist. He said the government has historically provided aid to the people, but when minorities have gained access to the same benefits, the protest against social equity programs began.

“We don’t call [it] aid, we call it welfare, we call it a handout,” he said.

The acquisition of government benefits has created a conservative, white backlash, Wise said. He said the advancement of minorities has instilled fear in

white America of losing control of “their” nation.

“The demographic shift challenges the notion of what our neighbor should look like. Their language may not be English; their religion may not be Christianity,” Wise said.

Wise said the alleged threat to the status quo and the demand to take the nation back is unsettling to him. He said the notion of a threatened status quo undermines the efforts to rectify the racial and social inequities of the nation.

“None of this [is] accidental,” said associate journalism professor Mercedes de Uriarte. “Reality is a social construct, and until things are equitable, there is no claim to colorblindness.”

Gabriel Sheffield, vice president of the Black Student Alliance, said educational institutions are a good way to judge America’s thoughts about race.

“If you’re willing to take money away from education, then you can only see things in terms of black and white,” Sheffield said.



Author Tim Wise speaks to a packed chapel at St. James Episcopal Church on Thursday night. His talk centered on racial injustice and institutional racism in America.

Thomas Allison
Daily Texan Staff

Candidates for University Co-op Board of Directors



Elizabeth Stone
PLACE # 1

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Business Honors & Finance major, Accounting minor, analytical skills, leadership abilities, teamwork skills, communication skills, ability to learn quickly, Microsoft excel and office proficiency, Delta Delta Delta-Academic Development Chair, Freshman Recruitment Team, Gamma Beta Phi Society-Secretary, Advancement Services Team in Development & External Relations office at McCombs School of Business-Student Assistant, Business Honors Program Ethics Board

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am willing to work hard, eager to learn, and dedicated to representing the student body as a member of the University Co-op Board of Directors. Through my experience and coursework, I have developed skills that have prepared me for success as a member of this board. I am passionate about leadership and determined to make an impact in my community. This campus has already given so much to me, and being a part of this board will give me an opportunity to serve the University of Texas campus in a capacity that will allow me to effect change.



Owais Durrani
PLACE # 3

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

College of Liberal Arts-Government, College of Natural Sciences-Biology/Pre-Med, Sophomore, Oratory skills from various legislative internships, Financial Management, Multilingual, UT Student Health Advisory Committee, Golfsmith International-Product Advisor, Price Waterhouse Coopers Business Forum-participant

PERSONAL STATEMENT

My name is Owais and I am a sophomore running to serve you on the Co-op Board of Directors. As every one of us can attest to, our relationship with the Co-op can best be described as a love/hate relationship. We love that all of our course materials can be obtained from right across the street, but we hate spending \$150 on a non-refundable course pack or selling back barely used books for a fraction of the purchase price. It would be an honor to serve as the voice of the students on the Co-op Board and close the gap between students and the Co-op.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Make textbooks more affordable! I'll work to make prices more reasonable, especially on in-house printed items, improve textbook return policies (specifically teacher requested course packs), and increase the availability of used books.
2. Work to distribute student organization funds to a more diverse group of both established and newer groups. I am a proponent of giving funding to groups that give back to the student community.
3. Upgrading the textbook site to make it more user friendly. Let's upgrade our site to something more like eBay or Amazon.
4. Increase resources during the first weeks of the semester to help reduce long lines and textbook shortages.
5. Working to incorporate ideas from the student body and introducing them to the Board of Directors.



John Singleton
PLACE # 2

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Biochemistry/Pre-Med, Student Consulting International Organization-Student Analyst, Healthcare Consulting Internships in and around Houston, TX, Lifelong Longhorn

PERSONAL STATEMENT

My main goal is to help foster the adoption of a useful, complete, and effective e-textbook platform to take the University of Texas into a new era of learning.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. The university-wide adoption of a new e-textbook platform.
2. To increase funding for Registered Student Organizations across campus.
3. To insure that the best possible product quality is reaching the campus.
4. Restructure Co-op rebate program to allow for more and better rebates.
5. Aid to strike fear into every Maroon waving loon from College Station to Norman, OK.



Michelle Niakan
PLACE # 4

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

McCombs School of Business-Accounting/Pre-Med, fluent in Farsi, skilled with Microsoft office in both PC and Mac, educated in basic accounting procedures, University of Texas Call Center, Texas Alpha Phi Sigma Pre-Medical Honors Society-Advertising Director, Business Leadership Program

PERSONAL STATEMENT

My name is Michelle Naikan and I am a sophomore in the McComb’s School of Business pursuing an Accounting degree with a concentration in Pre-Medicine. As a fellow student, I really understand how influential the University Co-op is in every student’s life. Whether we need textbooks, school supplies, or a Longhorn-inspired outfit for UT sporting events, the UT Co-op has it all. Still, living on a college budget, even these things are difficult to afford. If I were elected to the University Co-op Board of Directors, I would contribute my best effort to figure out ways to make these costs less to students and offer multiple perspectives and opinions from students in every college/school of the university.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To represent all the students of the University of Texas as effectively as possible so that each student’s perspective is seen and heard.
2. To offer creative ideas and concepts so the University Co-op can continue to run efficiently and serve our UT students well.
3. To bring a student’s experience’s and voice into a multi-million dollar business that plays a significant role at our university.
4. To help discover better ways to provide the UT Co-op’s products and services to students at a lower cost.
5. To provide a student perspective to a business in a nation-wide economy, in hopes that what starts here changes the world.



Alex Jones
PLACE # 5

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Graduated Cum Laude Distinguished from Clear Lake High School in Houston, TX, Political Communications Major, mediate and remain objective, relentless passion, creativity, Bill White and Annise Parker Houston’s Mayor’s Youth Council-advised, Junior and Senior class Treasurer, University of Texas Judicial Board, Model United Nations, Senate of College Councils Fundraising Committee-At-Large Member

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Through my experience in advising Houston’s Mayor Bill White and Annise Parker, Model United Nations, Judicial Board and Senate of College Councils I have learned how to mediate, surmount red tape and the value of creativity. If elected as a member of the Co-op’s Board of Directors, I plan to urge the Co-op to increase business by listing Longhorn Gear, and textbooks with outside online retailers (i.e. Amazon), urge the Co-op to work with professors to condense textbooks to make more affordable editions, and simplify the rebates for students. These actions will increase revenues/donations, reduce financial burdens and ensure loyalty.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. List inventory on Amazon, eBay, and other online retailers to increase purchases and expand markets.
2. Simplify the rebate system by allowing students to scan their UT ID when picking up textbooks or making purchases, and create a running tally to be used in rebates in the upcoming semester.
3. Work with professors and publishers to create condensed editions of books to reduce textbook costs and ensure future business. Also, work with DHFS and other departments to create a session during orientation and reroute campus tours to stop at the Co-op Main store.
4. Expand Longhorn Gear to include the increasingly popular “T-shirt dresses,” orange/white leis and football fanatic wigs.
5. Create mobile sales trailer/unit, to stock the best-selling UT gear for away games, football season and Alumni events.

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LEADER OF THE PACK



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Riders navigate a wet makeshift obstacle course as part of a motorcycle safety training class held by Austin Moto Academy Thursday afternoon.

Study looks at birth control use

Over-the-counter medicine leads to continued usage more than prescriptions

By Donovan Sanders
Daily Texan Staff

Women are more likely to take birth control for longer periods of time if they have the ability to get their medication over the counter in Mexico, according to a UT study. Sociology professor Joseph Potter led a study about predominantly uninsured women who had the option to purchase oral contraceptives either in Juarez, Mexico or El Paso. According to the study, women who bought the pills in Mexico are more likely to remain on the medication but also put less thought into what kind might be safest for them. "Our main motivation was to see what would happen if the pill

were made over-the-counter in the United States," Potter said. Kristine Hopkins, a research assistant, professor in sociology and co-researcher in the study, said making the pill available over-the-counter in the U.S. could expand options and reduce potential barriers for women in the U.S. High costs and prescriptions both make it harder for women in the U.S. to obtain oral contraceptives, Hopkins said. Costs in the United States are higher than in Mexico. "Many of the same pills are available in Mexico that are at the clinics in El Paso," Hopkins said. She said there are some health risks to taking oral contraceptives, which may be why they are not readily available in the United States. Another barrier facing women in the United States is getting a prescription. This takes time and costs more money than simply

buying them over-the-counter as people did in Mexico. Oral contraceptives pose some health risks, including blood clots, nausea and mood changes, which is why women should still see their doctor regularly while taking the pill, Hopkins said. "I don't think the pill should be made accessible over-the-counter because of the safety and concerns that go along with taking the pill. There are instances where the pill is not the best option, and women need to consult their doctors in order to figure that out," Hopkins said. Accessibility is the overall issue with differences in prescription and over-the-counter birth control. "It's important for women to see their gynecologist regularly, whether they take oral contraceptives or not but definitely if they do," said clinical associate pharmacy professor Renee Acosta.

UT ranks as 'best value' college based on affordability, quality

By Joe Layton
Daily Texan Staff

UT ranks among the top 50 universities in The Princeton Review's Best Value Colleges of 2011 list. The list assessed schools based on institutional data and student opinion surveys that The Princeton Review collected from the 650 most academically outstanding institutions. The list ranked 50 schools, with the top 10 schools in order and the bottom 40 unranked. UT stood in the bottom 40 with schools such as Texas A&M University and the University of Colorado-Boulder. "One of the things that stuck out was the raw sticker price," said Rob Franek, senior vice president and publisher of The Princeton Review. "The average cost [of tuition] per year is around \$9,000 while the national average [for state schools] is around \$16,000, so UT-Austin is already doing better than the national average." The Princeton Review calculated value according to cost of attendance, financial aid and academic factors. To be considered a valuable option, a school must either charge low tuition relative to other colleges or offer sufficient financial aid to offset a higher tuition, according to The

Princeton Review web site. "We don't just look at price, we make sure that the universities are providing an exceptional educational experience for the money students pay," Franek said. The list released Tuesday used in-state tuition figures to rank the colleges in value. UT tuition, not including room and board, totals more than \$8,500 for 2010-2011 for residents and more than \$28,500 per year for non-residents, according to UT's website. "As an out-of-state student, not receiving financial aid makes [UT] difficult to afford," said Elisabeth Newell, advertising and rhetoric and writing junior. "I've applied for FAFSA aid the past two years and haven't received it" Nationally, college costs rose each year for the past 20 years at three times the rate of inflation,

Franek said. To combat rising tuition costs, the Texas-Exes have started a new program called the "40 Acres Scholars Program" which intends to make financial issues less of a decisive factor for potential UT students. The program aims to raise \$150 million for merit-based scholarships to make UT more competitive with other top-tier institutions. In 2009-2010, the University gave out \$204 million in grants and scholarships, said Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services. Among those who received money, the average grant per student was \$6,000 and the average scholarship per student was \$4,800, he said. "The scholarships given are a reflection of what a terrific student body we have," Melecki said.

How UT measured up in the Princeton Review's 2011 rankings

- 6th best party school
- 11th highest beer and hard liquor consumption
- 10th best career services
- 7th best college town
- 12th best newspaper
- 5th in how many "students pack the stadium"

Source: The Princeton Review

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of Business William Cunningham, Wright and Sharpe formed a committee to set in motion the process of creating the symposium. However, the racial climate between UT and the black community in East Austin was tense because the UT System Board of Regents decided to secretly buy land in the East Austin area, Sharpe said. "[UT] showed disregard for the lives of people living in the neigh-

borhood," Sharpe said. "[It was the] ultimate repudiation of the good neighbor policy." Sharpe and Wright said, as a result, the students who had worked to create the symposium refused to attend. Despite the difficulties and racial tensions during the symposium's first year, as well as continuing tensions throughout the 1980s at UT, the symposium con-

tinues to educate students about the story of Sweatt. Students who attended the talk were unaware of the history of the University's racial climate in the 1980s. "Personally, I don't know much about black history [at UT]," said freshman Chance Vaughan. "I think the talk helped me diversify my knowledge on people and culture."

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BIG 12 SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

What a Splash

Men enjoy second day of swim meet

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

The second day of the Big 12 Championships were swept by Texas.

More specifically, defended by Texas, as each swimmer who won an event was defending his title from last year's conference meet.

The Longhorns started their day with a win in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Junior Jimmy Feigen, sophomore Dax Hill, freshman Woody Joye and junior Neil Caskey dominated their race with a final time of 1:17.95. Hill, who had an impressive performance in the 800 freestyle relay the day before, had a time of 19.04 in the race. Feigen and Caskey were a part of last year's Big 12 winning relay team. Texas A&M, who appeared to fin-

ish second, was disqualified for an early exchange, and Missouri finished in 1:19.52.

"Having team chemistry makes relays so much fun," Feigen said. "Swimming a relay isn't just for you — it's for the guys on your relay, the coaches sitting on the sidelines and the other 26 swimmers on the sidelines too. That's a really great feeling."

Although he trailed Scott Jostes at the beginning of the 500 freestyle race, Jackson Wilcox, the defending Big 12 champion in the event, took the win with a time of 4:16.61, the fifth-fastest time in the nation. Michael McBroom followed with a time of 4:19.62, and James Robertson completed the one-two-three finish for Texas finishing in 4:20.06.

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Junior Eric Friedland competes at the Big 12 Championships. The Longhorns hold a first-place lead.

Texas men's first place finishes on Thursday		
NAME(S)	EVENT	TIME
Jimmy Feigen, Dax Hill, Woody Joye, Neil Caskey	800 yd. Freestyle Relay	1:17.95
Jackson Wilcox	500 yd. Freestyle	4:16.61 — 5th fastest time in college swimming
Austin Surhoff	200 yd. Individual Medley	1:43.85 — 4th fastest time in college swimming
Jimmy Feigen	50 yd. Freestyle	19.27 — Tied for 3rd fastest time in college swimming

Texas loses hold of first place, still has weekend to come back

By Stefan Scrafield
Daily Texan Staff

It was as if the Longhorn women were starting a new championship meet on Thursday as they entered the evening races tied with Texas A&M.

Both Texas and A&M finished deadlocked after Wednesday night's events each having scored 74 points, but the Longhorns fell behind to 301.5 points to the Aggies' 336.

"We just wanted to control what we could control today," said Texas head coach Kim Brackin. "We were looking to put as many girls in the finals as possible."

The Longhorn women started the night off with their third relay event of the championships, the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The Aggies went into the event as favorites, having won it in last year's Big 12

Swimming and Diving Championship in College Station.

Texas started of the race well as Kelsey Amundsen was able to keep pace with the Aggies through the first 50 yards. From there, the Longhorns dominated the race with Bethany Adams building a lead and upperclassmen Brie Powers and Karlee Bispo holding on to give Texas the surprise win in a time of one minute, 28.15 seconds — the fastest time in the country so far this year.

"We were really happy with the relay time," Brackin said.

"Kelsey got us off to a great start in the first leg of the race. We want the girls to focus on chemistry as it is most important in the relay races."

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Sophomore Bethany Adams was a part of the 200-yard freestyle relay team that finished in first place on Thursday.

Corey Leamon
Daily Texan Staff

Texas women's first place finishes on Thursday		
NAME(S)	EVENT	TIME / SCORE
Kelsey Amundsen, Bethany Adams, Brie Powers, Karlee Bispo	200 yd. Freestyle Relay	1:28.15
Maren Taylor	3-meter Springboard Diving	344.80
Karlee Bispo	200 yd. Individual Medley	1:55.15
Kelsey Amundsen	50 yd. Freestyle	22.50

BIG 12 INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rivalry revisited for Horns in Lincoln

By Chris Medina
Daily Texan Staff

This upcoming weekend, the Longhorns will participate in the Big 12 Indoor Championships in Lincoln, Neb., and revive a rivalry threatened by the departure of Nebraska to the Big Ten next school year.

Only three schools have won the annual title since 1997 — Nebraska nine times, Texas five times and Oklahoma in 2010. In 2007, Texas and Nebraska tied for first.

Texas won its last indoor championship in 2009.

And of the nine times Nebraska has been named champion, Texas has come in second place four times. Of the five times Texas has triumphed, Nebraska has come in second place three times.

It doesn't stop at the players' level either.

Longhorn coach Bubba Thornton and Nebraska coach Gary Pepin have combined for 12 out of the last 14 conference coach of the year awards. Coach Thornton owns four to Pepin's eight.

"It's always in the back of my mind," Thornton said. "But we have to worry about every team. Last time I checked, all 12 Big 12 schools are competing this year."

Texas, which counts 12 All-Big 12 per-

Big 12 Indoor Championships
Date: Friday through Saturday
Place: Lincoln, Neb.

formers from 2010 on its roster, has a slight edge heading into the meet. It is the only team in the conference with national leaders in two separate events. Keiron Stewart leads the national in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 7.68 seconds and Marquise Goodwin leads the nation in long jump with a school record 26-8.5.

Other Texas athletes to watch out for are the heptathletes Kenny Greaves and Isaac Murphy, who both broke 5,500 points at the Razorback Invitational in January. This marks the first time since 2006 that Texas has had two heptathletes break the 5,500-point barrier in the same season.

The Texas Longhorns have steadily improved throughout the course of this season and Bahamas-native Jamal Wilson has been a big part of that. Wilson has improved his high jump from 6-10.75 in the Texas-Arkansas Dual Meet to 7-4.25 at the Don Kirby Invitational two weeks ago.

"I think this team is special," Wilson said. "Everyone is staying positive and doing their part to contribute. We think we can do big things."

Women ready to prove their worth

By Julie Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

This weekend, Nebraska will host the Big 12 Indoor Championships for the ninth and final time. The Longhorns have climbed to No. 3 in the nation and are hoping to bring home a conference championship.

"We barely look at the rankings," said senior Chantel Malone. "That ranking means nothing. In my mind or in our minds, we are No. 1. That doesn't prove anything; we just have to step up to the plate and aim for No. 1."

Malone won the Big 12 long jump title in 2010 and is looking to repeat her victory. Her previous jump of 21-10 is the best in the nation, and she said she is aiming for 22 this weekend. She will also compete in the triple jump, in which she already has the best (43-5.75) in the Big 12, and the 400-meter race.

Malone and junior distance runner Mia Behm have both already qualified

for the NCAA Championships, and Malone says her goal this weekend is to come home with a trophy and then continue preparing for later meets.

Texas women also have three of the top 10 times in the nation in the 400-meter race. Additionally, freshman Shanay Briscoe has a conference-leading high jump of 5-11.5, and Victoria Lucas and Alicia Peterson are entering the championships in third with jumps of 5-9.25.

"Everyone is fighting at every event. We are going in positive and going to do work and come back and get ready for nationals," Malone said. "This meet is one of our big meets. We are going to go take it down and take it one step at a time until nationals."

Head coach Beverly Kearney discussed the heated rivalries between Texas, Texas A&M and Nebraska, and the talent she has seen in the Big 12.



Shanay Briscoe
High jumper

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BASEBALL



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Junior pitcher Taylor Jungmann picked up his first win of the year in the opening game against Maryland. Jungmann will start today.

Longhorns expect smooth sailing in Hawaii

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff

Aloha.

Texas begins its first series away from Disch-Falk Field today, in Hawaii against the Rainbows. The Longhorns (3-2) made the flight to Hawaii on Wednesday and will look to take the first of three games today.

"They're expecting a huge crowd this weekend, so this will be a good chance for us to play games in a hostile environment," Texas starting pitcher Taylor Jungmann said.

Jungmann will take the mound today, followed by Cole Green on Saturday and either Sam Stafford or Hoby Milner on Sunday.

Hawaii (2-2) hosted No. 15 Oregon last weekend and split the four-game series after winning the first two games. Relief pitcher Blair Walters was key for the Rainbows and picked up both wins.

The Longhorns are coming off a home loss to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Tuesday, where they lost the momentum they had built after a 3-1 series win over Maryland last

weekend. Players said they lacked focus against Corpus and that they need to work on putting a full nine innings together.

"It's going to be a long flight to Hawaii, that's for sure," designated hitter Jonathan Walsh said after the loss.

The Longhorn offense has gotten off to some slow starts, but they have been able to turn it on late in games. Texas is outscoring opponents 13-2 in the final three innings this season,

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TWEET OF THE DAY

Michael Huff
@Huffy247

I need to get down to Austin to holla at Mack and check out spring practice

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What type of beverage do football players drink?

Answer: Pendl-teal

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Junior forward suspended after arrest, will miss game

The two-game suspension of men's basketball player Alexis Wangmene continues through Saturday's contest at Colorado.

Wangmene was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated last weekend.

"I don't think there's any question that everybody's disappointed," said head coach Rick Barnes. "To me, it's extremely serious."

He is still practicing with the team but not playing in games. Wangmene will return to the court next Monday versus Kansas State, according to Barnes.

"He knows he disappointed and hurt a lot of people," the coach said. "But we're going to learn from it, and we're going to love him."

Wangmene, a junior post player, averages 2.4 points and rebounds per game off the bench.

— Will Anderson

WEEKEND PREVIEW

► MEN'S BASKETBALL

Conference championship in sight for Texas

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

With only three regular-season games to play, fifth-ranked Texas (24-4, 12-1 Big 12) has a shot at finishing atop the conference and winning its first outright league title since 1998.

But with all three of those remaining opponents stuck in the middle of a Big 12 scramble for postseason at-large bids, the Longhorns know they're walking around with awfully large targets on their backs.

"There are teams that are right there in the middle that are fighting to build a resume and make everything look good for the NCAA committee," said head coach Rick Barnes. "I think every team this time of year has got something that they need to be playing for, us included."

First up is Colorado (17-11, 6-7), which is No. 8 in the conference. Texas travels to Boulder on Saturday for a game that the Col-

orado athletics department reported is already sold out.

"It's a great challenge for us. We know everybody's going to play really hard against us," said Texas senior guard Dogus Balbay. "Our goal is to play harder."

The frenzied atmosphere of late-season games reminded Balbay of the NCAA tournament.

"They're trying to play their best, and that's what you're supposed to do in the tournament," he said.

Colorado runs an offense similar to Texas' past two opponents, Nebraska and Iowa State, centered around isolation plays and individuals driving from outside. Whether Texas can contain the Buffs depends on individual defense and teammates helping out by crowding the middle.

"We've got to stop them; we've got to pressure their guards," Balbay said.

Colorado started Big 12 competition with straight wins over No. 20 Missouri, Kansas State and

Oklahoma State. It almost topped then-No. 2 Kansas in late January.

"You go back to the start of the season, they were the talk of this league," Barnes said.

The Buffs then lost four straight and only recently climbed back onto the NCAA bubble.

That could act as motivation against a highly ranked Texas squad.

"We are going to play with teams that are going to play with an extremely strong sense of urgency," Barnes said. "I want to see our guys compete and play with a lot of passion."

Barnes knows the outcome rests on one thing: Whether Texas treats this contest as just another stop on its way to a league title, or instead like an NCAA tournament game.

No. 5 Texas at Colorado
When: Saturday at 3 p.m.
On Air: Big 12 Sports Network
Place: Coors Events Center (Boulder, Colo.)

► WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Junior guard Yvonne Anderson and the Longhorns face a tough test Saturday against Texas A&M.

Ryan Edwards
Daily Texan Staff

Time running out for NCAA tournament push

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff

Resilience. In the final stretch of the regular season, the Longhorns need it.

They've shown they're capable of it, but in the midst of a two-game losing streak, Texas needs resilience more than ever.

"We need to be able to finish down the stretch," said head coach Gail Goestenkors. "We're moving forward. Every game in the Big 12 is a battle, and we can't dwell on the past."

Bouncing back from a heartbreaking overtime loss to Iowa State last Saturday is critical, as the Longhorns (17-10, 6-7 Big 12) must find answers for their faults against the Cyclones before they take on Texas A&M in a rematch this Sunday.

Texas started out strong but could not finish the game off against the Cyclones, as they began to wear down by game's end.

"We kind of wore down toward the end," said junior Yvonne An-

derson. "Some of the shots you saw — airballs, short — lot of shots we wouldn't do. It's a combination of length, as well as just playing a long time."

Couple their inability to finish strong with the lack of presence from freshman Chassidy Fussell, and an answer for last Saturday's downfall may arise. Fussell, a usually strong presence on the court, was held to just one made shot attempt out of her 11 from the field.

"She missed open shots," Goestenkors said. "And she wasn't rebounding well so she wasn't helping us like she normally does."

With a chance to climb out of their recent losing streak and with an NCAA tournament bid on the line, Sunday is the opportunity for the Longhorns to even things up this season with the Aggies.

"You have to be able to recognize the urgency of what's going on. I've been really honest with them," Goestenkors said. "With three games left, you can't hold anything back."

Last time out, Texas' downfall to Texas A&M (23-3, 11-2 Big 12) came in a mere 90-second stretch. The Longhorns came out strong in the mid-January matchup but were unable to hold their confidence against an Aggie squad that surmounted their defense and took advantage of Texas' four turnovers on four straight possessions. The Aggies pulled away for the lead with a game that went 80-65 in Texas A&M's favor.

"Give them credit, they play great defense," Goestenkors said. "So you have to have poise on the offensive side of the floor."

In the midst of one of their strongest seasons ever, Texas A&M is looking to finish their schedule strong. The Longhorns will have their work cut out for them.

No. 5 Texas A&M at Texas
Date: Sunday
Time: 2 p.m.
Place: Frank Erwin Center (Austin, Texas)

► MEN'S TENNIS

Squad aims to bounce back after tough loss

By Wes Maulsby
Daily Texan Staff

Coming off its first loss of the season, Texas will try to get back to its winning ways on Saturday. In a match that was postponed from earlier in the month, SMU comes to town trying to end a three-game losing streak. Texas is coming off a lackluster performance in the ITA National Team Indoor Championship which ended with a consolation win over Il-

linois but will look to make improvements against SMU this Saturday at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center.

Though it didn't get the win, there were some bright spots for Texas last week. One of the main achievements was the performance of senior Ed Corrie. After a slow start to the season, Corrie looked the part of the No. 1 player on the team with victories over top 10 opponents.

"Ed had been struggling a bit,"

said head coach Michael Center. "He lost a few in a row but kept working hard on his game."

After losing the doubles point for the first time during the season, Corrie made a statement by beating Illinois' top player, ranked eighth in the country, in straight sets.

Now, struggling SMU limps into Austin. This will be an ideal match for Texas to try to get into the kind of championship form that it has been searching for.

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FOOTBALL

Longhorns anticipate change with arrival of spring football

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

Coming off a disappointing 5-7 season, Texas head coach Mack Brown sensed the Longhorns needed a complete makeover. So he changed everything about his approach to spring practice.

Gone are the days when fans could stop by and catch a glimpse of practice in February and March. Brown opted instead for privacy, hoping to isolate his players and get them focused on rebuilding the program one step at a time.

"It sends a message to our players that you need to focus on getting better, and you need to focus on your coach, and you need to get to know him, and he needs to get to know you," Brown said.

With six coaches in their first seasons at Texas, it is no surprise that Brown is going the extra mile to ensure the Longhorns get back on track.

"The biggest challenge this spring is for everybody to get on the same page," Brown said.

But that could prove to be a tall order considering Texas has new coordinators on both sides of the ball. Not to mention, as Brown says, the most depth concerns

since 1998 — the coach's first year in Austin. But that doesn't mean Brown is discounting the ability of his new hires to get the job done.

"The coaches have been running the offseason programs since signing day, so the coaches have already had a lot of good work on the turf with our players and pushed them," Brown said. "We're much further along than people would think."

That's a good thing for Texas fans anxiously awaiting the chance to see what offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin can bring to the Longhorns from his days at Boise State, where he designed one of the most prolific offenses in college football.

The offense got a big boost when it was announced on Thursday that Blaine Irby was cleared to being spring practice. The senior tight end originally injured his knee in 2008, then missed 2009 and 2010 while rehabbing. It's especially important because Harsin uses lots of tight end and H-back packages in his sets.

But Brown won't just be integrating a new offense. He'll also be working with Manny Diaz, the defensive coordinator who came



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The return of senior tight end Blaine Irby is one of the main storylines this offseason. Irby hasn't played in a game since 2008, when he dislocated his right knee in a game against Rice.

from Mississippi State to retool a Texas defense that took a slight step backward a season ago.

"You will see a major change

on both sides of the ball," Brown said. "We'll be more aggressive. There will be multiple looks like we had on defense, but Manny's got them all over the place now."

With every position on the field open, Brown and his retooled staff have their work cut

out for them this spring.

"We have no expectations except to get better, brick by brick," Brown said.

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After the men completed their portion of the 200 freestyle relay, the women jumped across the deck into the diving pool.

The women's 3-meter springboard competition was the first female diving event of the Big 12 Championships.

Texas sophomore Maren Taylor used a combination of great dives to earn an overall score of 344.80 and edge out Missouri's Loren Figueroa for first place. Sophomore Diana Wilcox secured fourth, while redshirt sophomore Shelby Cullinan finished in eighth.

After that came the 500-yard freestyle. Texas had a total of four women in the event, with Samantha Tucker and Adrienne Woods swimming in the second heat and upperclassmen Natalie Sacco and Leah Gingrich swimming in the third heat. Tucker, a freshman competing in her first Big 12 championship meet, was able to hold on to an early lead to finish first, while Woods finished seventh. In the third and final heat, Gingrich got off to a great start but struggled in the late legs of the race and fell back, finishing seventh. It was a different story for Sacco, a senior who is swimming in her final Big 12 Championships, as she put together a late surge and was able to finish third.

"Natalie really impressed me with a third-place finish competing against a very strong field," Brackin said.

The third swim of the night was the 200-yard individual medley, a true test of overall swimming ability as each

swimmer is required to swim butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

The Longhorns had two swimmers in the final medley heat, with Laura Sogar jumping off the blocks in lane two and Bispo swimming in lane four.

Sogar swam a great race and earned herself a bronze medal, but Bispo stole the show. The All-American took an early lead and continued to pull away en route to a league-record time of 1:55.15, the third-best time in the nation this year.

"Karlee obviously really stood out," Brackin said. "She had a great race in the 200 IM and it was really exciting to see her step up like that."

The fourth and final event for the Big 12 women was the 50-yard freestyle. Texas had six women in the event with one in each of the first two heats and four in the final heat.

Powers, Lobb and Adams all swam very well in the final heat placing sixth, fifth and fourth, respectively. Amundsen, who took to the water for the second time on the night, put together a phenomenal race as she was quick out of the blocks and made a quick turn after the first 25. Her effort was good enough to give her first place, edging out the competition by two one-hundredths of a second.

"Kelsey did a great job to hold on and win her 50 freestyle race," Brackin said.

Competition resumes tomorrow with preliminary heats starting at 10 a.m. and the finals kicking off at 6 p.m.

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despite batting in the ninth inning only once. The Longhorns own an 8-2 advantage in the seventh inning and are 5-0 in the eighth.

When the Longhorns have been struggling to get on base, it is usually the freshmen that have pulled the team out of a slump. The top three hitters on the team are all freshmen, led by third baseman Erich Weiss. Weiss has started all five games for Texas and is hitting .692 with six runs and seven RBIs. But Jungmann knows it's not all about offense and that the Longhorns need to focus on other things to come away with wins this weekend.

"We need to play three strong games in all aspects of the game," he said. "We need to bat well, run the bases well, pitch well and field well also."

The forecast for this weekend in Hawaii is 80 degrees and sunny, but the Longhorns know they're not on vacation.

"Hawaii is a nice place to go, but we need to take of business," senior first baseman Tant Shepherd said. "We know this is a tough environment, and it will show the character of this team."

No. 6 Texas at No. 30 Hawaii
Date: Friday through Sunday
Place: Les Murakami Stadium (Honolulu, Hawaii)

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Two of Texas' sophomores shined in the 200 individual medley. Austin Surhoff, also the defending champion in the event, and Nick D'Innocenzo pulled away from the rest of the pack during the breaststroke portion of the event. Surhoff touched the wall .05 seconds faster than D'Innocenzo and finished the race with the fourth-fastest time in college swimming — 1:43.85.

D'Innocenzo is now tied with the fifth-fastest time, and both he and Surhoff had NCAA automatic qualification times. Woody Joye finished in third with a time of 1:46.97 and Bryan Collins in fourth. Feigen, who was defending his title from last year, won the 50 freestyle. His final time of 19.27 is tied for third in college swimming. Texas A&M's Balazs Makany finished in second with 19.85, and Hill finished in third with 19.88.

"This is really the only fully blown taper meet that we've had in my entire four years here, so it really means a lot to get a Big 12 win here, especially in my signature event, my favorite event, the 50 free," Feigen said. "It was great. The whole event went well."

Although he hoped he would be a little bit faster, he is ready for the rest of the season.

"I have really high hopes for NCAAAs, and I am definitely going to do a best time and hopefully get that team record (18.84 currently held by him) off the record board," Feigen said.

The defending champions will look to continue their momentum during the last two days of the meet. The Longhorns are now leading the meet with a score of 366, Texas A&M follows with 246 and Missouri with 233.

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"Of all the meets you are going to, this is the one they are going to watch you the most because you are Texas," Kearney said. "The Big 12 has become one of the most powerful conferences in the country with track and field, and so you can no longer get away with a couple of great athletes sustaining a team championship. You have to have a team package."

Both Kearney and Malone believe that the team's depth and chemistry have provided an advantage this season and will continue to help the Longhorns find success.

"The chemistry on this team is like no other. The past three years, I have never felt the chemistry we have on this team," Malone said. "I know I have someone backing me up; I feel like I'm part of a team. I hope that everyone goes out and digs deep to win and we come out district champions. If everyone does their ultimate best, then the outcome should be great."

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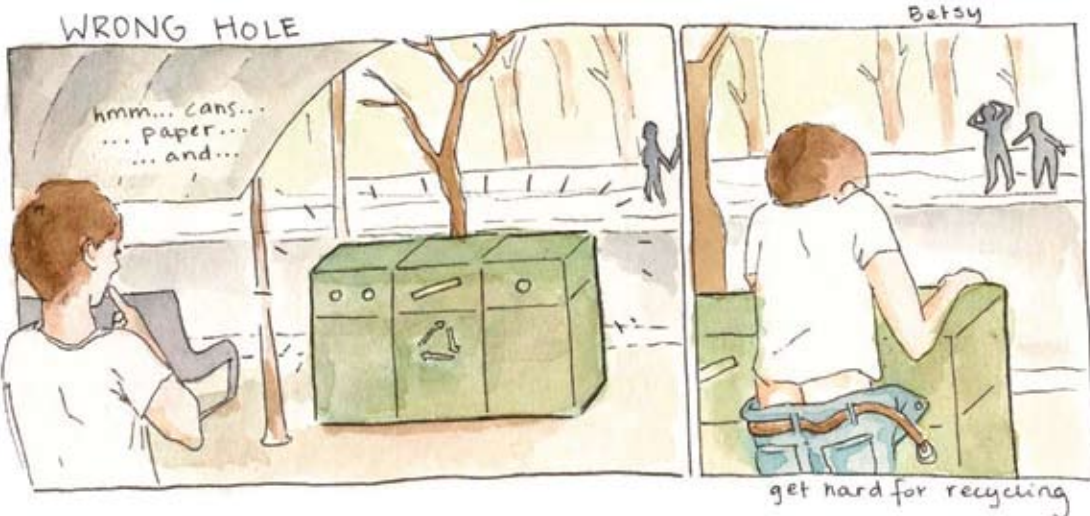
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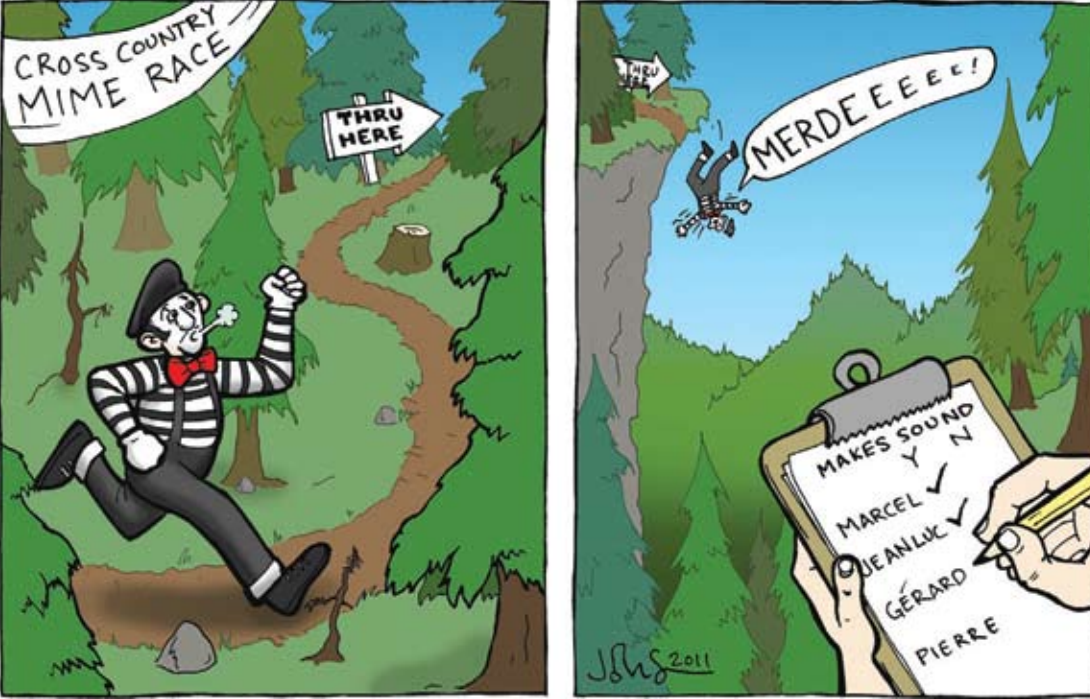


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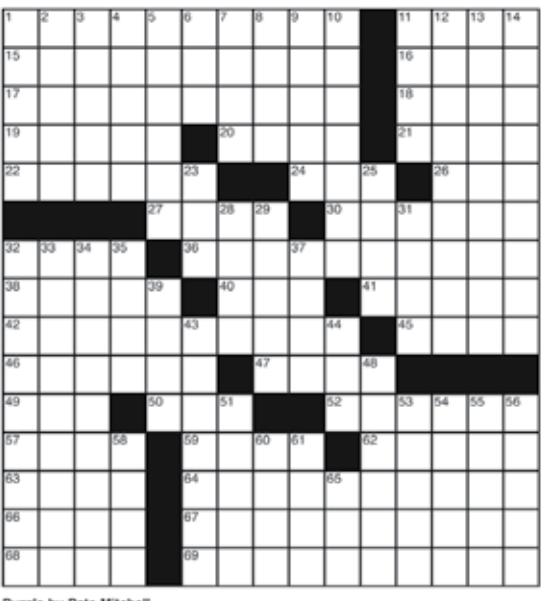
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Jailbreaking, online dating change digital landscape

CONNECTED
By Alistair Pinsof

This is war ...

George Hotz is barely 21 years old and has already changed how we use technology by jailbreaking the iPhone in 2007, but since Jan. 12, he has been in an ongoing legal battle with Sony for hacking the PlayStation 3 and sharing his method online. His response? A rap battle video on YouTube that has garnered more than a million views in a week and a call for donations to fight against Sony's legal defense.

"Sony is lame and is suing me for hacking my own PS3. Help me own them in court," Hotz wrote on his webpage, *geohot.com*, earlier this month.

Hotz jailbroke his iPhone in 2007, freeing owners from Apple's limitations on customization and phone service. It was an illegal act at the time, but it started a discussion on property laws in the digital age. As a result, jailbreaking mobile phones is now legal because of a revision in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act made in July 2010.

"Once it's paid for and mine, I have the right to unlock it, smash it, jailbreak it, look at it and hack on it," Hotz wrote. "Fortunately, the courts agree with me on this point."

But, PlayStation 3 isn't a phone, and Sony isn't Apple; Sony has a history of defending its brand in court. On *geohot.com*, Hotz highlights past cases where others have failed in court under similar circumstances, such as when Sony sued *AIBOPet.com* for getting Sony's AIBO pet robot to do "non-approved Sony tricks."

This case isn't about piracy. It's about consumers' right to tinker with their digital devices like we encourage kids to do with discarded electronics at science fairs. The outcome of this case will determine if we own the dig-

ital content we paid to access or just the physical shell it came in.

What is love?

OkCupid.com, a popular matchmaking site that links possible couples by posing users questions and letting them write their own for others, wrote a blog post earlier this month on the best questions to ask on a first date based on data mined from more than 257,000 questions answered by 776 million users. The results are unexpected.

Asking about religion and politics on a first date can end up creating awkward tension, so ask them about grammar and their preference in friends. Supposedly, those who are not annoyed by grammar mistakes are twice as likely to be religious, and those who value complexity are 65-75 percent more likely to be a liberal.

Want to know if your date will take you back to their apartment? Ask, "Do you like the taste of beer?" According to the survey, which let users attribute a privacy rating to questions, women and men who say "yes" are 60 percent more likely to have sex on the first date.

Whenever a user deletes their OKCupid account and claims they are doing so because they fell for another user, the site's staff looks over the responses they had in common. The most telling questions they discovered are based around horror movies and travel. Agreement on them will determine if possible couples are 32 percent more likely to have a long-term relationship or not.

In an age when approaching a stranger on the street is startling and stalking is a click away, dating by numbers might be our best bet. Just be wary of the next guy who immediately asks you about beer, horror movies and travel — there's a much more personal question behind it all that he wants you to answer.



Mother Falcon, Austin's 18-piece baroque-pop ensemble, brings a unique sound and spectacle to the local music scene. This Saturday, they release their debut album, *Alhambra*, in Central Presbyterian Church.

Courtesy of Sam Grenadier

Mother Falcon releases full-length album

By Francisco Marin
Daily Texan Staff

Austin-based band Mother Falcon makes timeless songs that fall somewhere between the Balkan-tinged music of Beirut and the lush orchestras of Gustav Mahler or even Beethoven. *Alhambra*, the group's first full-length album, finds the 18 inspired young musicians of the group in their most fully realized form yet. Though the process of recording *Alhambra* spanned at least seven months, the fruit of Mother Falcon's labor has been well worth the wait.

Special guest Graham Reynolds, who composed the eclectic sound track to Richard Linklater's "A Scanner Darkly," will also perform at Mother Falcon's CD release show this Saturday.

The Daily Texan corresponded via e-mail with saxophonist Matt Puckett and violinist Yun Du about the making of Mother Falcon's masterpiece and the band's expectations for the upcoming concert.

about the meaning and significance of the album title, *Alhambra*?

Matt Puckett: *Alhambra* is titled after the Moorish palace in Granada, an incredible piece of architecture and a stunning memorial to a people's past. The story goes that long before the palace was finished, the Moors knew their empire was on the decline and they would soon be driven from Spain. Despite this, they kept on with this huge labor, and, surprisingly, when the Spanish did finally take over, they preserved their work.

DT: Were there any particular albums that the band looked to for inspiration or listened to during the making of *Alhambra*?

Yun Du: Definitely very different for everyone. I myself was listening to a lot of *The Suburbs* by Arcade Fire, which had just come out. I'm not sure how much of the music we listened to during that time would've affected the recording of the album though, as the songs were already written and only a few arrangement changes were made.

MP: I'm sure everyone would name something different, but I know that for me, I was caught in this loop during August where the only albums I listened to were *How I Got Over* by The Roots and *Antifogmatic* by Punch Brothers. I kept both CDs in my car, and when one ended, I would just put the other in.

DT: For those who have never been to a Mother Falcon concert,

when everything is either ebullience or despair; I think we can safely say that there's not a hint of aloofness in the album.

DT: Many of the songs on the album are emotionally driven, and that's especially apparent in the lyrics as much as the mood of the album. What would you say is the dominant emotion on this album — is it sorrow, is it hope, is it optimism? Why?

MP: The emotions in *Alhambra* oscillate from optimism to desperation, sometimes ending up as versions of each other — some songs feel desperately optimistic, others seem to find the good through desperation. Many of the songs chronicle or reference experiences of growing up,

WHAT: Mother Falcon w/ Graham Reynolds & The Golden Arm Trio
WHERE: Central Presbyterian Church
WHEN: Saturday, 7 p.m.
TICKETS: \$20 with CD, \$15 without CD, \$5 student discount to both with ID

what should people expect at Saturday's album release?

MP: Saturday's show is going to be very special. This is the church in which we recorded the album, so basically, we get to invite 500 people into the studio to hear *Alhambra* exactly the way we wanted it to sound. We'll have special guests on pedal steel and french horn, marching drums, banjo and more. We're going all out for this show. I can't wait to walk onto the stage.

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2001 and "The Devil Wears Prada" in 2006. But these are hardly consolations. Witch and wizard cloaks and flashy designer threads lend themselves just as easily to the kind of adornment period films do — whatever way you sew it, they're big and showy.

It's easy to see why these types of films are routinely nominated: Their designs are so much more obvious and easy to understand as literal, traditional "costumes," understood with that same childlike concept of dressing up for Halloween to become someone else. Dressing in contemporary casual isn't inherently considered to be a "costume."

It may not work for Halloween, but for film and television, actors are playing characters — they're becoming someone else. As such, they're usually dressed in clothing that their celebrity counterparts can afford not to wear, the kind of clothes people who go see their films would probably wear. They're playing characters that exist in our modern world.

To that end, it's arguable that films that employ contemporary costume design demand a greater subtlety, nuance and attention to character than their historic counterparts might.

What we wear is our most obvious and readable method of self-expression: Our clothes are a part of our "character," telling others who we are and who we want to be. That same consideration is made in modern films but to an even greater degree — done well, a character's clothes in a film can be just as revealing as the dialogue or the actor's performance.

Take some of the films skipped over for the Best Costume Design Oscar this year: The hand-me-down, moss-patterned garments worn by the cast of "Winter's Bone" capture the cycle of poverty in parts of the Ozarks that's perpetuated by the illicit drug trade.

In "The Kids Are All Right," it makes sense for Mark Ruffalo's slacker-turned-father to wear wrinkled plaid just one button short of being appropriate for the dinner table. And in "The Social Network," the contrast is just right: brainy, neurotic Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg) wears big Gap sweatshirts with socks and flip-flops in Facebook's infant stages, a shirt over a sweater when his network takes off — two different stages of his life, both still true to the Zuckerberg style: to care just enough to seem normal but completely removed from an active interest in fashion.

This is not to say that all the

praise for costume design in period films are unearned: "Atonement" was nominated in 2007 for its elegant rendering of a wealthy British family during the 1930s. That, and for Keira Knightley's now iconic green dress. But for every "Atonement," there's an "Alice in Wonderland," wrongly favored as the frontrunner this year for its overstimulating parade of three-dimensional colors.

In the early stages of the award, when some films were still made in black and white, there were actually two awards given: one for films in black and white and one for films in color. Maybe a similar notion should be explored: separate categories for contemporary and period costume design. The Costume Designer's Guild already makes this distinction, with "Black Swan" and "The King's Speech" winning in each of their respective categories this year.

It's ridiculous that such designations need to be made, but if it reduces the amount of ruffles at the Academy Awards, so be it.

OSCAR OUTLOOK

'King's Speech' may charm award voters

By Christopher Nguyen

Best Picture

- "127 Hours"
- "Black Swan"
- "The Fighter"
- "Inception"
- "The Kids Are All Right"
- "The King's Speech"
- "The Social Network"
- "Toy Story 3"
- "True Grit"
- "Winter's Bone"

As "The Social Network" swept every critic's list and the Golden Globes earlier this year, it seemed that this would be a boring race. The "best" movie, which had perfectly captured the cultural zeitgeist, would win. But then the Screen Actors, Producers and Directors guilds broke up that party, each naming "The King's Speech" their winner and catapulting it to the front-runner position. So ends the Academy's streak of awarding daring films, such as "No Country for Old Men" and "The Hurt Locker." Instead, the Oscar takes the bait with British accents, star actors, uncluttered direction and an inspirational story that while impeccably made, did little to expand the potential of film.

Tune in the 83rd Academy Awards this Sunday at 7 p.m. on ABC.



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Male choir feels 'too fabulous to fail'

By Julie Rene Tran
Daily Texan Staff

In a church practice room, the men of Capital City Men's Chorus stood tall singing their vowels. As conductor and artistic director Jeffrey Jones-Ragona moved his arm up and down, the men harmoniously blended their pitches to match the keys of the accompanying piano.

Despite the chorus' classical sound for its Monday rehearsal's warm up, its repertoire for Saturday's fundraising concert "Too Fabulous to Fail!" will be anything but traditional.

The chorus has about 50 members, and those who volunteered to do this weekend's show will take the stage to perform ballads, duets and group numbers, covering songs such as "New York State of Mind," "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" and "Midnight Train to Georgia."

"There are all levels of talents in choir," said David Blackburn, marketing director for the group. "We have people who are professional musicians and sing in lyric operas down to people who just sing in the shower. We welcome everyone in the group. Heck, we even have a straight guy."

The name of the show was inspired by how even the downturn of the economy cannot take away the fabulousness of the men.

"We were talking about how we need our own stimulus package and how we're too big to fail," Blackburn said. "And someone said, 'No, we're too fabulous to fail,' and that's literally how it came about."

Capital City Men's Chorus, an all-male gay choir, started 22 years ago during the rapid rise of the



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Daniel Brookshire, Tim Ryan and Charles Castle rehearse "Five Guys Named Moe" for the Capital City Men's Chorus spring concert.

AIDS pandemic.

The Turtle Creek Chorale was the first gay chorus and started in 1980 in Dallas in response to the assassination of Harvey Milk in 1979. After Turtle Creek, Austin was eventually inspired to start its own.

Originally the chorus had a therapeutic function, providing a haven once a week for the gay community to express themselves, he added. But over the years, the chorus turned to more entertainment than activism.

But with the spike in gay teen suicide and bullying in the fall, Jones-Ragona and Blackburn reminded themselves of their larger purpose.

"It became very clear to us that we need to return back to our mission and that is to build a positive image within the GLBT community, especially among the youths," Blackburn said.

Jones-Ragona first heard the choir in May 1993 at a Texas music festival, where the choir sang a personally moving rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

It wasn't until moving to Austin a year later to attend UT for his doctorate in conducting that Jones-Ragona encountered what would be the open door to the next 16 years of his life. Walking out of the music building one day, a colleague asked him if he was auditioning for the conducting position for Capital City Men's Chorus since the artistic director resigned. He auditioned soon after.

After his audition, Jones-Ragona was offered an interim position. The president of the board, however, kept asking if he would stay. Tuesday marked Jones-Ragona's 16th anniversary as the conductor of the chorus.

Over the years, the chorus had put

WHAT: Too Fabulous to Fail

WHERE: Mexican-American Cultural Center

WHEN: Saturday, Doors & Silent Auction at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m.

TICKETS: General Admission \$45

on many memorable performances, including a number called "There Won't Be Bad Hair Days in Heaven," in which men in suits transformed from having ratty hair and toupees to having three-foot-high beehives.

Despite songs that promote social progress, the chorus still faces bigotry, most notably the assumption that gay men are sex mongers.

"We're about as sexy as a nursing home," Jones-Ragona said. "We come here to work."

Oscars for costume design show bias for period films

By Aleksander Chan
Daily Texan Columnist

Each year, the Oscar nominees are met with indignation over who is nominated and who isn't. The debate over whose nominations are worthy is mostly restricted to the big prize categories such as Best Director and Best Picture, with cinephiles taking to the technical awards for their discussion. But in its now 63-year run as a category, Best Costume Design has flown relatively under the radar in what is an underscrutinized race that has awarded almost all of its Oscars to one type of costume design.

Since the award's inception in 1948, the Academy has often awarded the elaborate costume designs of

period films over the more subtle designs of contemporary films set during modern day. Generally, the more Victorian ruffles, the better the chance of garnering a win: The last three films to win were "The Young Victoria" (2009), "The Duchess" (2008) and "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" (2007).

And the designs that were nominated but lost? More Brits and ruffles: adaptations of Jane Austen's "Emma" (1996), "Sense and Sensibility" (1995) and "Pride and Prejudice" (2005).

Every so often, the costume design for a film set during modern day makes the cut, such as "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" in

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While the Oscar for Best Costume Design has, in recent years, gone to elaborate Victorian designs, the honor should go to costumes that fit the film.

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